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THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS APRIL 4
WAS REPORTED IN THIS MORNING'S GUARDIAN: BEGIN QUOTE
IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY THE PRIME MINISTER MR. CALLAGHAN
ASKED NOT TO BE PRESSED FOR PRECISE INFORMATION WHEN THE
SUBJECT OF THE NEUTRON BOMB WAS RAISED. MR. TOM
LITTERICK, LABOUR MP FOR BIRMINGHAM SELLY OAK, ASKED TH
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PRIME MINISTER TO COMMENT ON MONDAY NIGHT'S REPORT BY
INDEPENDENT TELEVISION NEWS THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT
HAD AGREED TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE NEUTRON BOMB IN UK
BASES.

MR. CALLAGHAN, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD THE HOUSE
THAT THE NEUTRON BOMB IS MORALLY NO WORSE THAN THE
RUSSIAN SS20 STRATEGIC MISSILE, REFUSED TO BE DRAWN, BUT

ADMITTED THAT THE SUBJECT HAD BEEN RAISED DURING HIS
TALKS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER IN WASHINGTON: "THIS IS A
QUESTION OF WEIGHING THE VERY SUBSTANTIAL POLITICAL
DISADVANTAGES AGAINST WHATEVER MILITARY ADVANTAGES MAY
BE PRESUMED TO EXIST," HE SAID. END QUOTE.

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